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SUBJECT: CZEHCOSLOVAK VISITORS TO STANKI '74

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1. AN OFFICIAL IN LIAZ TRUCK AND BUS FACTORY LOCATED IN JABLONEC, CSSR, PHONED EMBASSY APRIL 16 TO COMPLAIN THAT THREE TECHNICIANS FROM PLANT SENT TO MOSCOW LAST WEEK FOR PURPOSE OF VISITING STANKI WERE DENIED ENTRY TO EXHIBIT BY SOVIET MILITIAMEN STATIONED AT GATE FOR LACK OF PROPER "INVITATION". LIAZ OFFICIALS HAD IN HAND COPIES OF EMBASSY CIRCULAR LETTER IN CZECH LANGUAGE (SEE REFTEL) DATED MARCH 18 INVITING THEM TO VISIT EXHIBIT, BUT APPARENTLY THESE WERE NOT CONSIDERED ACCEPTABLE BY SOVIET GUARDS.

2. SECOND LIAZ DELEGATION, COMPRISED OF THREE TECHNICIANS AND HEADED BY ONE ING. (ENGINEER) VINKLR, DEPARTING PRAGUE BY AIR FOR MOSCOW AT 1700 (LOCAL), APRIL 16, ALSO WITH PRUPOSE FO VISITING STANKI, ING. VINKLR WAS QUITE CONCERNED LEST SAME FATE BEFALL HIS GROUP, SINCE THEY TOO ONLY HAVE IN HAND COPIES OF EMBASSY CIRCULAR LETTER. WE ADVISED VINKLR TO CALL AT COMMERCIAL CENTER OR AT EMBASSY ECO/COM SECTION EARLY APRIL 17 IF THEY EXPERIENCED SIMILAR DIFFICULTIES AND HE

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AGREED TO DO SO.

3. IN FUTURE, AND ESPECIALLY FOR TRADE EVENTS HELD IN SOVIET UNION IN SUPPORT OF WHICH E/E POSTS ARE REQUESTED IN INVITE INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL REPRESENTATIVES FROM HOST COUNTRY, WE RECOMMEND AT MINIMUM THAT COMMERCE PROVIDE EACH POST WITH SEVERAL COMPLIMENTARY INVITATION CARDS OF TYPE ACTUALLY TO BE USED AT GATE FOR DISSEMINATION TO APPROPRIATE LOCAL INVITEES. AT SAME TIME, ALTHOUGH SLIGHTLY OFF SUBJECT, OUR EFFORTS AT PROMOTING THIS PARTICULAR EXHIBIT WERE HAMPERED BY LACK OF DETAILED PROMOTIONAL LITERATURE OTHER THAN INFORMATION PROVIDED IN BASIC ARIGRAM SOLICITING POSTS' COOPERATION IN BRINGING EVENT TO ATTENTION OF TARGET GROUPS IN THEIR COUNTRY. WE WOULD HOPE THAT BOTH OF THESE IMPORTANT PROCEDURAL DEFICIENCIES WILL BE CLEARED UP IN PLANNING FOR FUTURE EVENTS SIMILAR TO STANKI '74
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